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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION LEADER'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY: IN JANUARY 15 PRESS CONFERENCE, OPPOSITION NDP CHAIRMAN KIM YONG-SAM GAVE EXPECTED RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT PARK'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF PREVIOUS DAY. KIM CALLED FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION, SUGGESTED PAK CONSIDER RESIGNING, URGED RELEASE OF ARRESTED "DEMOCRATS", AND CHALLENGED PARK'S CONTENTION THAT YUSHIN SYSTEM WAS ONLY WAY TO MEET THREAT FROM NORTH. END SUMMARY.

2. KIM CLAIMED THE MAIN GOAL FOR 1975 OF NDP WAS AMENDING YUSHIN CONSTITUTION, A MOVE WHICH HE SAID WAS SUPPORTED BY MAJORITY OF PEOPLE. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT PARK SHOULD NOT DEVISE WAYS TO STAY IN POWER BUT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON BEST WAY OF RESIGNING. KIM CHARGED THAT MUCH OF US AID DURING PARK'S INCUMBENCY HAD BEEN WASTED OR MISUSED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND CHIDED PARK FOR NOT RAISING CORRUPTION IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE PREVIOUS DAY.

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3. KIM CALLED FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, FREEDOM OF PRESS AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ACTIVITY FOR STUDENTS, ALL OF WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN DENIED BY PARK REGIME.

4. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE WAS THREAT FROM NORTH, KIM CHALLENGED PARK'S VIEW THAT ONLY YUSHIN SYSTEM COULD WITHSTAND SUCH THREAT AND THAT CERTAIN POLITICAL RIGHTS MUST BE SACRIFICED IN THE PROCESS. NATIONAL SECURITY IS THREATENED, HE SAID, WHEN THE PEOPLE LOST CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT. KIM ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NORTH KOREA WAS CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BREAKDOWN IN THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE, BUT, HE SAID, PARK REGIME HAD PROVIDED THE NORTH WITH AN EXCUSE TO BREAK OFF MEANINGFUL EXCHANGES.

5. KIM CONCLUDED BY CHARGING THAT PARK WAS INTENSIFYING PRESSURE AGAINST HIM AND THE NDP, BLOCKING PARTY FINANCES AND RESORTING TO POLITICAL TERRORISM; HE AND THE PARTY, HOWEVER, WOULD CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE.

6. COMMENT: THE SUBSTANCE AND TONE OF KIM'S REMARKS WERE ABOUT AS EXPECTED. ALTHOUGH HE NATURALLY (IN THE KOREAN CONTEXT) WAS NOT AFFORDED THE LIVE RADIO AND TV COVERAGE ACCORDED TO THE PRESIDENT, HIS REMARKS WERE COVERED IN ALL NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING FRONT-PAGE STORY AND PICTURE COVERAGE IN THE FULLY GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED SEOUL SINMUN AND KYONGHYANG SINMUN.  
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